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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a former Federal Government employee who was forced to retire on 2 October 1998 due to a major reduction in force (RIF) in the Defense Department (I was over 55 years of age and I had more than 5 years of service), I have been following the Microsoft antitrust case. Personally, I feel that Microsoft should be left alone. Microsoft has been very good for the economy and the technological advancement of our country. Because of its innovative software, they have brought about increased computer literacy. Can any other software company say the same? Microsoft has also been very flexible in agreeing to the terms of the settlement beyond what is required in any antitrust case.

Microsoft agreed to not enter into any agreements that would obligate a third party to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively or for a percentage of sales. I am sure competitors will like that. They have also agreed to allow access to their operating systems protocols that are used to operate within their server to the competition for use with their software. That sounds generous to me.

Now that Microsoft has gone out of their way to cooperate, shouldn't we? Let us end this litigation and move on to more pressing issues. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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